

### SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

-- A magnetic separator includes a chamber 11 having inlets and outlets 12, 13 which together define a flow path 14. Axially extending tubes 15 are disposed in an array around the cross-section of the chamber 11 and the perforated baffle plate 18 divides the chamber 11 into top and bottom components 16, 17. Each tube contains a magnetic shuttle 19, which can be moved up and down the tube between separator and release positions using a pneumatic control system. --

Please amend the last full paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 16, as follows:

-- Figure 3 illustrates a further development of the filter. A central tubular body ~~[[25]]~~ 35 is disposed within the chamber 11 to confine the flow path to a generally annular chamber ~~[[26]]~~ 36, thus ensuring that the fluid flows close to the tubes 15. The new annular baffle plate 18 has a profiled cut edge which defines curved indentations ~~[[27]]~~ 37 between the tubes to allow fluid to flow down the chamber. The alternative is to stop the baffle plate 18 short of the wall of chamber 11. --